



Department of Public Health

SIM Taskforce Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026

Hannah Youngdeer:

Presented data on overdose and mental health-related calls for January.

- Thirteen overdose cases reported; majority were young adults aged 25-44.
- Suicide attempts showed no clear pattern; highest rates occurred around New Year's.
- Emergency department calls for depression increased towards the end of January.

Charlton Roberson:

- SIM task force focuses on coordinating services for justice-involved individuals and mental health needs.
- Subcommittee aims to better vet individuals across various intercepts for effective service delivery.

Sanquis Graham

- Highlighted collaboration between recovery resource center, public health, and crisis response for suicide prevention.
- Strengthened relationships with detention center staff to coordinate services for individuals before release.
- Emphasized need for enhanced data sharing to improve community response and targeted outreach.
- Discussed federal executive order aimed at coordinating substance use disorder responses across agencies.

Dr. Jennifer Green

- Shared updates on federal policy changes and funding realignments impacting substance use disorder treatment and recovery services.

Action Items:

- Annual updates to and maintaining the SIM resource maps (adult and youth).
 - Providers should report any changes or new services by **March 2nd**.
- Charlton will share his outcome measures PowerPoint document with the taskforce after the meeting since he was unable to share his screen.
- Hannah Youngdeer needs to send a follow-up email with the stratified anxiety data once NC Detect is functioning properly.
- Dr. Jennifer Green will continue to monitor and share updates on federal policy changes and funding realignments impacting substance use disorder treatment and recovery services.
- Dr. Jennifer Green encourages all partners to communicate any changes to federal grants or funding related to the recent executive order to better coordinate community response and advocacy.
- Charlton should continue expanding harm reduction strategies within the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program to accommodate participants not ready for abstinence-based recovery housing.
- Jamir Jumoke offered to assist Charlton by leveraging his connections with workforce programs and reentry coordinators to support pre-release coordination efforts.
- Charlton requests that any providers not yet engaged with the SIM task force reach out to him via email or phone to establish collaboration.
- Sanquis Graham will follow up with individuals not on the email list to ensure they receive meeting information, job postings, data, and outreach events.
- Jay Higgins and his subcommittee need to continue refining the peer vetting process to better match individuals to appropriate housing and services based on readiness and needs.
- Charlton and Greg should continue their commitment to providing overdose prevention and harm reduction education at the juvenile detention center and track impact.
- Dr. Jennifer Green will share a flyer and link about the new JCPC program, Maggie's Outreach, to the group for awareness and outreach.